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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1939

The cold storage season on apples opened as of October 1. The returns, while usually not as complete in October as they will be later in the season, indicate about a million bushel increase in stocks above the same date last year and the October 1 5-year (1934-38) average.

Significant reductions occurred in stocks of manufactured dairy products during September. Stocks of creamery butter were reduced by about 18,000,000 pounds, which amount is almost twice the net withdrawals during September a year earlier. The 5-year (1934-38) average movement shows a decrease of nearly 3,000,000 pounds. Dairy Products Marketing Association stocks were reduced by about 2,500,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings by 5,200,000, and commercial stocks by 10,500,000 pounds.

Net withdrawals of all varieties of cheese during September were approximately 1,000,000 pounds less than during the same period in 1938. The 5-year average movement for the same period shows an increase.

The continued seasonal out-of-storage movement of eggs was normal for the month. Net withdrawals were 1,169,000 cases compared with 1,177,000 a year earlier and 1,171,000 for the 5-year average. Frozen egg meat holdings were reduced by 14,459,000 pounds compared with 14,774,000 a year earlier and 12,949,000 for the 5-year average. Total case equivalent stocks of both shell and frozen eggs exceeded those of October 1, 1938, by 985,000 cases but were 423,000 less than the 5-year average.

Total stocks of all frozen fruits were decreased during September by 1,347,000 pounds. This compares with a decrease of 3,822,000 during September a year ago.

Frozen vegetable stocks were increased by 6,483,000 pounds. This quantity compares with an increase of 9,900,000 for September 1938.

Holdings of all frozen poultry increased from September 1 by 281,000 pounds. A year earlier the net into-storage movement was 5,001,000 and the 5-year average 6,724,000 pounds.

Total frozen and cured meat stocks were reduced by more than 62 million pounds. This quantity compares with a similar reduction during September 1938 and 47 million for the 5-year average. October 1, 1939, holdings exceeded those of a year earlier by almost 31 million pounds but were 72 million below the 5-year average.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples reported were the equivalent of 9,670,000 bushels. This quantity exceeds October 1, 1938, holdings by 991,000 bushels and the 5-year (1934-38) average for October by 999,000.

Total stocks of all varieties of pears were 3,288,000 boxes and baskets. This quantity compares with 4,182,000 on hand a year earlier and a 5-year average of 3,057,000 boxes and baskets.

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all frozen fruits on October 1 were reported as 141,710,000 pounds, a decrease from September 1 of 1,347,000 pounds. Of the October 1 holdings, 26,181,000 pounds were reported as unclassified. Reports indicated that 26,697,000 pounds were in small containers of less than 30 pounds capacity and 115,013,000 pounds in containers of 30 pounds and over.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables continued the seasonal increase during September. The into-storage movement was 6,483,000 pounds compared with 9,900,000 pounds for September 1938. October 1, 1939, stocks were 6,870,000 pounds above those of a year earlier. Of the total quantity reported (78,122,000 pounds), 4,333,000 were unclassified as to variety.

Contents of October 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on October 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

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Special tables of cold storage holdings are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry, by States, page 6; apples and pears, by States, and frozen fruits, by container-size, page 7; and October 1, 1939, data for all commodities, by geographic regions, pages 8 and 9.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 8 for October 1, 1939, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	October 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Oct. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1939	Oct. 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	181	177	-	105
Apples, Western.....boxes.....	3,577	1,394	-	2,246
Apples, Eastern.....boxes.....				3,679
Apples, Eastern.....bushel baskets	4,551	6,754	-	3,430
TOTAL APPLES...bushels.....	8,671	8,679	-	9,670
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	-	186	-	199
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	737	-	315
Pears, all other varieties..boxes.....	2,882	3,059	-	2,631
Pears.....bushel baskets	175	200	-	143
FRUITS, FROZEN ^{1/}				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	5,566	5,468	8,387
Blueberries.....".....	for	5,541	2,204	3,069
Cherries.....".....	these	25,641	31,297	28,148
Logan and similar berries... ".....	earlier	3,809	3,939	3,617
Raspberries.....".....	years	12,739	11,309	10,162
Strawberries.....".....	not	42,959	47,669	44,911
Other fruits.....".....	compara-	51,326	15,152	17,235
Classification not reported. ".....	ble	2/	26,019	26,181
TOTAL.....".....	103,213	147,581	143,057	141,710
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		4,171	6,511	6,300
Beans, lima.....".....	His-	14,875	10,540	18,311
Beans, snap.....".....	torical	5,751	6,846	7,220
Broccoli, green.....".....	data	797	989	1,240
Corn, sweet.....".....	not	7,009	7,280	7,697
Peas, green.....".....	avail-	27,178	30,103	28,187
Spinach.....".....	able	1,898	2,834	2,591
Other vegetables.....".....		9,573	2,091	2,243
Classification not reported. ".....		2/	4,445	4,333
TOTAL.....".....		71,252	71,639	78,122

^{1/} See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by small and large containers.

^{2/} Included under "other".

During September creamery butter stocks were reduced by 18,254,000 pounds. This decrease compares with an increase of 9,451,000 for September 1938. Commercial holdings were reduced by 10,558,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings by 5,187,000 and Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings by 2,509,000 pounds.

Total butter stocks on October 1 this year were 56,132,000 pounds below those of October 1, 1938, but 12,150,000 in excess of the October 1 5-year (1934-38) average. Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings were 80,253,000 pounds below those of a year earlier but Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief and commercial stocks were 4,451,000 and 19,670,000, respectively, above October 1, 1938.

American cheese holdings were reduced during September by 5,996,000 pounds. This quantity compares with net withdrawals for the same period a year earlier of 6,439,000 pounds but an increase of 2,432,000 pounds for the 5-year average.

Total stocks of all varieties of cheese were 24,137,000 pounds below those of October 1, 1938, and 6,516,000 below the October 5-year average.

Stocks of eggs -- 5,429,000 cases of shell and 121,469,000 pounds of frozen egg meats -- were 664,000 cases and 11,225,000 pounds, respectively, in excess of a year earlier but 730,000 cases of shell below average and 10,724,000 pounds of frozen above the 5-year average.

The total case equivalent of both shell and frozen eggs was 985,000 cases above October 1, 1938, but 423,000 less than the 5-year average.

A slight into-storage movement of frozen poultry took place during the month. The increase over September 1 stocks was 281,000 pounds. October 1 holdings exceeded those of a year earlier by 3,209,000 and the 5-year average by 3,403,000 pounds.

(See table on page 9 for October 1, 1939, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Oct. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Oct. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1939	Oct. 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	214	349	144	140
Twenty percent....." "	7	5	-	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds.....	142,421	210,703	172,825	154,571
DPMA holdings....."		* 98,202	20,458	17,949
FSCC & Relief holdings....."		3,969	13,607	8,420
Commercial stocks....."		*108,532	138,760	128,202
Packing stock....."	565	159	88	63
CHEESE				
American....."	106,418	121,423	103,594	97,598
Swiss including block....."	6,053	6,305	6,201	5,363
Brick and Munster....."	1,075	722	1,486	1,083
Limburger....."	983	1,020	1,761	1,517
All other varieties....."	8,605	11,285	11,977	11,057
TOTAL CHEESE....."	123,134	140,755	125,019	116,618
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	6,159	4,765	6,598	5,429
Frozen.....pounds.....	110,745	110,244	135,928	121,469
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	3,164	3,150	3,884	3,471
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	9,323	7,915	10,482	8,900
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds.....	12,564	9,798	8,835	9,032
Fryers....."	4,550	4,152	2,520	3,748
Roasters....."	6,283	7,497	4,883	6,714
Fowls....."	10,827	9,630	12,276	11,083
Turkeys....."	5,258	3,790	9,994	7,992
Ducks....."	7,047	11,496	10,339	10,002
Miscellaneous poultry....."	13,219	13,579	14,023	14,580
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....."	59,748	59,942	62,870	63,151

* Revised.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 84 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of October 1, 1939, were classified as follows: Whites - 32 percent; Yolks - 21 percent; and Mixed - 47 percent.

MEATS AND LARD

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats, which totaled 399,935,000 pounds on October 1, 1939, were 30,669,000 pounds greater than on October 1 last year but 72,015,000 less than the 5-year (1934-38) average for October 1.

Beef stocks were increased during the month by a total of 3,953,000 pounds while pork holdings were reduced by 60,236,000.

Stocks of pork -- both frozen and cured -- totaling 300,696,000 pounds, were in excess of those of a year earlier by 23,465,000 pounds but 43,944,000 less than the 5-year average.

The heavy out-of-storage movement of lard noted for August continued during September. Stocks were reduced during September by 31,906,000 pounds and October 1 holdings of 78,472,000 pounds were 11,474,000 less than on hand the same date a year earlier and 9,080,000 pounds less than the 5-year average.

Commodity	Oct. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Oct. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1939	Oct. 1, 1939
	- Thousand pounds -			
BEEF				
Frozen.....	43,681	23,753	22,358	26,751
In process of cure.....	11,610	10,476	7,234	7,252
Cured.....	4,568	2,714	3,435	2,977
TOTAL BEEF.....	59,859	36,943	33,027	36,980
PORK				
Frozen.....	74,420	59,330	110,506	68,588
Dry salt in process of cure.....	27,631	29,250	40,304	34,248
Dry salt cured.....	26,621	29,634	33,461	28,790
Pickled in process of cure.....	130,330	105,076	114,574	114,928
Pickled cured.....	85,638	53,941	62,087	54,142
TOTAL PORK.....	344,640	277,231	360,932	300,696
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	2,271	2,318	2,459	3,031
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	65,180	52,774	65,985	59,228
TOTAL MEATS.....	471,950	369,266	462,403	399,935
LARD.....	87,552	89,946	110,378	78,472

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, OCTOBER 1, 1939

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	3	4,740	3,082	89	2,439	2,826
Other States.....		906	464	16	812	243
NEW ENGLAND.....		5,646	3,546	105	3,251	3,069
New York.....	79	14,103	12,451	485	8,737	15,261
New Jersey.....	2	22,025	4,095	400	7,248	7,531
Pennsylvania.....	9	4,680	2,273	260	5,513	3,056
MIDDLE ATLANTIC...		40,808	18,819	1,145	21,498	25,848
Ohio.....	11	5,088	795	290	5,648	1,091
Indiana.....		1,888	203	42	2,057	1,032
Illinois.....	10	51,060	5,675	1,597	22,198	11,334
Michigan.....		4,845	1,150	181	1,672	1,132
Wisconsin.....	7	1,554	48,017	145	1,335	380
EAST N. CENTRAL...		64,435	55,840	2,250	32,910	14,969
Minnesota.....	13	7,100	1,127	164	3,274	1,333
Iowa.....		4,422	39	103	4,714	670
Missouri.....	5	5,499	2,505	359	19,468	4,775
Nebraska.....		4,400	302	72	4,324	3,099
Kansas.....		1,698	312	156	5,983	881
Dakotas.....		1,804	-	5	20	1
WEST N. CENTRAL...		24,923	4,285	859	37,783	10,759
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		1,882	3,902	127	2,719	1,265
Kentucky.....		1,441	530	20	1,332	1,924
Tennessee.....		1,658	650	122	1,679	220
Alabama & Mississippi.		524	563	28	311	67
EAST S. CENTRAL...		3,623	1,743	170	3,322	2,211
Oklahoma.....		1,270	49	39	5,793	124
Texas.....		1,903	1,439	86	5,686	136
Arkansas & Louisiana..		287	285	19	1,686	59
WEST S. CENTRAL...		3,460	1,773	144	13,165	319
Colorado.....		1,033	594	66	733	169
Other States.....		1,016	377	51	74	157
MOUNTAIN.....		2,049	971	117	807	326
Washington.....		2,638	693	110	1,467	1,170
Oregon.....		199	1,099	39	329	649
California.....		4,908	4,927	358	4,218	2,566
PACIFIC.....		7,745	6,719	507	6,014	4,385
Other States, combined for cream only.....	1					
UNITED STATES.....	140	154,571	97,598	5,429	121,469	63,151

APPLES: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	October 1, 1939					October 1, 1938
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
		- Thousands -				
Massachusetts..	-	57	438	-	495	284
New York.....	9	79	2,540	662	3,308	3,194
New Jersey.....	-	1	107	77	185	300
Pennsylvania...	1	5	73	157	238	283
Illinois.....	-	1	87	402	490	345
Missouri.....	1	4	11	369	387	188
Virginia.....	87	16	158	688	1,123	1,517
West Virginia..	3	4	2	191	206	210
Washington.....	-	1,372	-	-	1,372	871
Oregon.....	-	191	-	-	191	69
California.....	-	363	-	-	363	299
Other States...	4	153	263	884	1,312	1,119
UNITED STATES	105	2,246	3,679	3,430	9,670	8,679

PEARS: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	October 1, 1939	October 1, 1938
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
	- Thousands -	
New York.....	197	214
New Jersey.....	96	74
Pennsylvania.....	11	23
Illinois.....	33	25
Washington.....	761	1,279
Oregon.....	1,631	1,616
California.....	512	876
Other States.....	47	75
UNITED STATES	3,288	4,182

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN LARGE AND SMALL CONTAINERS
SEPTEMBER 1 and OCTOBER 1, 1939

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	September 1	October 1	September 1	October 1
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	187	187	5,281	8,404
Blueberries.....	571	665	1,633	2,200
Cherries.....	1,353	1,258	29,944	26,989
Logan and similar berries..	700	641	3,239	2,877
Raspberries.....	1,707	1,518	9,602	8,644
Strawberries.....	15,699	14,833	31,970	30,078
Other fruits.....	3,280	3,699	11,872	13,536
Classification not reported	3,580	3,896	22,439	22,285
TOTAL.....	27,077	26,697	115,980	115,013

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, OCTOBER 1, 1939, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Page

Commodity

New England

Middle Atlantic

East North Central

West North Central

South Atlantic

East South Central

West South Central

Mountain

Pacific

Total

of

FRUITS, FRESH

Apples.....barrels.....	0	10	1	4	90	-	-	-	105
Apples, Western.....boxes.....	57	85	107	7	31	1	10	1,926	2,246
Apples, Eastern.....boxes.....	547	2,720	209	34	168	1	-	-	3,679
Apples, Eastern.....bushel baskets	5	897	1,014	494	950	51	4	-	3,430
Pears, Bartlett's.....packed boxes..	2	19	9	-	5	-	2	162	199
Pears, Bartlett's.....loose boxes...	1	42	-	-	-	-	2	270	315
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	1	130	28	2	2	2	1	2,463	2,631
Pears.....bushel baskets	0	113	16	-	3	-	-	11	143

FRUITS, FROZEN

In small containers

Blackberries.....pounds.....	3	37	60	3	6	-	8	70	187
Blueberries....."	84	319	192	40	25	3	1	1	665
Cherries....."	179	554	214	115	125	11	7	52	1,258
logan and similar berries....."	12	61	123	11	19	1	1	413	641
Raspberries....."	169	190	392	108	88	3	13	555	1,518
Strawberries....."	1,367	1,997	1,676	325	1,887	51	538	6,971	14,833
Other fruits....."	39	2,657	842	105	518	186	25	3,223	7,595

In bulk or large containers

Blackberries.....pounds.....	23	597	373	208	562	119	42	6,480	8,404
Blueberries....."	295	1,040	411	370	46	37	-	1	2,200
Cherries....."	253	17,191	7,255	743	323	13	44	1,023	26,989
logan and similar berries....."	63	83	146	111	-	-	2	2,471	2,877
Raspberries....."	1,275	1,802	1,461	1,039	136	167	10	2,754	8,644
Strawberries....."	1,319	6,384	4,745	4,452	1,432	240	1,121	10,253	30,078
Other fruits....."	292	16,514	6,619	537	1,234	547	510	9,394	35,821

Total, all containers

Blackberries.....pounds.....	26	634	433	211	568	119	50	6,550	8,591
Blueberries....."	379	1,359	603	410	71	40	1	2	2,865
Cherries....."	432	17,745	7,469	858	448	24	51	1,075	28,247
logan and similar berries....."	75	144	269	122	19	1	3	2,884	3,518
Raspberries....."	1,444	1,992	1,853	1,147	224	170	23	3,309	10,162
Strawberries....."	2,686	8,381	6,421	4,777	3,319	291	1,659	17,224	44,911
Other fruits....."	331	19,171	7,461	642	1,752	733	535	12,617	43,416

VEGETABLES, FROZEN

Asparagus.....pounds.....	79	3,108	833	410	115	23	68	1,655	6,300
Beans, lima....."	358	14,035	1,714	717	1,006	54	80	332	18,311
Beans, snap....."	91	5,377	434	85	396	2	38	789	7,220
Broccoli, green....."	43	822	104	18	39	8	12	193	1,240
Corn, sweet....."	439	3,381	1,110	836	361	47	45	1,471	7,697
Peas, green....."	1,423	12,912	3,385	1,466	660	54	119	8,145	28,187
Spinach....."	122	1,180	814	52	72	15	22	307	2,591
Other vegetables....."	98	2,356	476	243	391	9	179	2,179	6,576

(10/13/39)

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, OCTOBER 1, 1939, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D.)

(10/13/39)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>										
Cream, Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	4	91	28	17	-	-	-	-	-	140
Cream, Twenty percent....."	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butter, creamery 1/.....pounds.....	5,646	40,808	64,435	24,923	1,882	3,623	3,460	2,049	7,745	154,571
Butter, packing stock....."	0	0	0	59	1	-	3	-	-	63
Cheese, American....."	3,543	18,819	55,840	4,285	3,902	1,743	1,773	971	6,719	97,598
Cheese, Swiss including block....."	-	1,106	3,589	35	46	35	37	142	373	5,363
Cheese, Brick and Munster....."	-	27	815	84	9	4	73	63	8	1,083
Cheese, Limburger....."	-	244	1,211	31	1	1	3	2	24	1,517
Cheese, all other varieties....."	208	5,742	1,694	515	199	1,321	165	230	983	11,057
Eggs, shell.....cases.....	105	1,145	2,255	859	127	170	144	117	507	5,429
Eggs, frozen.....pounds.....	3,251	21,498	32,910	37,783	2,719	3,322	13,165	807	6,014	121,469
<u>FROZEN POULTRY</u>										
Broilers.....pounds.....	269	1,658	1,816	4,423	78	144	13	53	578	9,032
Fryers....."	116	717	1,609	1,025	75	42	11	21	132	3,748
Roasters....."	736	2,247	2,457	749	271	28	6	2	218	6,714
Fowls....."	199	4,631	3,568	1,179	189	119	92	175	931	11,083
Turkeys....."	506	3,886	926	390	201	178	76	16	1,813	7,992
Ducks....."	1,060	7,624	825	139	125	35	7	3	184	10,002
Miscellaneous poultry....."	183	5,085	3,768	2,854	326	1,665	114	56	529	14,580
<u>MEATS and LARD</u>										
Beef, frozen.....pounds.....	1,058	6,443	8,532	3,981	1,087	415	2,156	342	2,737	26,751
Beef, in process of cure....."	9	1,323	3,656	1,834	154	48	41	50	137	7,252
Beef, cured....."	9	740	1,567	588	11	-	4	3	55	2,977
Pork, frozen....."	846	6,786	22,108	29,574	3,419	1,257	2,109	708	1,781	68,588
Pork, dry salt in process of cure....."	262	1,665	12,550	15,993	1,563	679	1,184	229	123	34,248
Pork, dry salt cured....."	195	456	9,284	15,410	1,625	209	950	267	394	28,790
Pork, pickled in process of cure....."	3,493	8,085	41,939	46,588	2,644	1,823	5,087	1,730	3,539	114,928
Pork, pickled cured....."	1,133	2,701	20,553	24,004	1,215	273	798	1,045	2,420	54,142
Lamb and mutton, frozen....."	80	1,342	658	481	111	4	135	32	188	3,031
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal....."	948	9,681	16,298	22,334	4,289	1,049	1,963	991	1,675	59,228
Lard....."	530	4,431	52,320	17,392	1,068	508	1,326	241	656	78,472

1/ Includes DEMA, FSOC, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

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